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with the exception of the master, first mate, and engineer, the living apartments thoroughly disinfected, the vessel provided with a new crew sufficient to care for her, and towed, or proceed under her own steam, to the docks for discharge of cargo. All officers and crew shall be detained on board, under guard, until the completion of the discharge of cargo, while the vessel is at the dock and until the return of the vessel to the quarantine station. Immediately upon the completion of the discharge of cargo, the holds shall be fumigated with sulphur and the vessel shall be returned to the quarantine station and permitted to take on her crew before proceeding to sea.

20. This circular supersedes all previous department circulars relating to special quarantine regulations for fruit vessels.

GEORGE B. CORTELYOU,
Secretary.

ALGERIA.

Deratization at Algiers and other localities—Rat fleas.

The following is taken from the *Bulletin Bimensuelle*, Algiers, March 1-15:

Algiers.—February 1-15: Rodents taken by the maritime sanitary service, 516; examined by the laboratory of health, 91; result, negative. Classification of rats: *Mus norvegicus*, 372; *Mus rattus*, 47; *Mus musculus*, 87. Rat fleas determined—*Pulex cheopis* on 2 *Mus rattus*, 8; *Ctenopysylla musculi* on 1 *Mus rattus*, 8; *Ceratophyllus* on 1 *Mus rattus*, 2.

Bône.—Month of February, 1909: Rodents taken, 235; examined, 145.

Bougie.—Month of February, 1909: Rodents taken, 33; examined, 27; rodents taken on wharves; result negative.

Dellys.—Month of February, 1909. Rodents taken, 89; all in city.

Oran.—Month of February, 1909. Rodents taken, 89; examined, 244; result negative.

Philippeville.—Month of February, 1909. Rodents taken, 33; examined, 23; result negative.

Ténés.—Month of February, 1909. Rodents taken, 70; on wharves and in wharf warehouses.

BARBADOS.

Report from Bridgetown—Status of yellow fever.

Consul Martin reports, March 27:

Since report of March 22, 3 cases of yellow fever have been reported, 1 case in the parish of St. Michael and 2 cases in St. Joseph parish. Bridgeton has not had a case since March 11.

The work of the health authorities is vigorously carried on.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague and smallpox—Outbreak of plague at Magillones, Chile.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, March 11:

Week ended March 7. Vessels inspected and received bills of health: March 1, the British steamship *Corsican Prince*, for New York, in cargo of coffee, with no passengers and no change in the crew personnel; March 4, the British steamship *Redhill*, for New Orleans,